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The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"I hope others will follow the example of this Educational Officer."

Mr. P. V. KRISHNAYYA CHOUDARI:—"May I know, Sir, whether the Government would delegate the power of disposing of that matter to the principals of colleges or headmasters of schools whenever they get apologies, instead of wasting the time of the Government on such matters?"

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"This is a matter which ought to come before the Government because they alone have the information as to how they have been conducting themselves after the disloyal activities."

Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT:—"May I know why this step has been taken now and not immediately after the incident?"

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"I do not know when these people made themselves particularly offensive."

Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT:—"May I know whether the Hon. Minister will call for information as to whether anything transpired after the stoppage of the civil disobedience movement?"

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"The question of re-admitting these boys is under consideration."

Alleged dismissal of two Secondary Grade teachers of the Government Secondary School, Calicut.

*493 *Q.*—Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the District Educational Officer, Calicut (Malabar), recently dismissed from service two secondary grade teachers from the Government Secondary School, Calicut; if so, on what grounds they were dismissed?

A.—Yes, the District Educational Officer, Malabar, recently ordered the discharge from the Government Training School, Calicut, of two students who had been admitted into the school in July, on his discovering that they had both been convicted in connexion with the civil disobedience movement in 1932.

The District Educational Officer ordered their discharge from the school because the sanction of Government had not been obtained for their admission which under rule 99 of the Madras Educational Rules is required before persons convicted in a court of law for disloyal activities are admitted into a Government school.

Changes in the curriculum of the S.S.L.C. examination.

*494 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Madras S.S.L.C. Scheme of 1929 was changed in July 1934 in response to widespread complaints against the scheme,

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by the then Director of Public Instruction, Mr. W. E. Smith, and the S.S.L.C. Board after careful consideration of reports of schools and Teachers' Associations and in consultation with the Madras, the Andhra and the Annamalai Universities;

(*b*) whether the new scheme was again changed during the current year, and the schools were ordered to go back to the 1929 scheme;

(*c*) what the reasons are for such a sudden reversion;

(*d*) how many changes the S.S.L.C. scheme has undergone during the past ten years;

(*e*) whether protests have been raised by the publishers and other educationists for such sudden and frequent changes in the S.S.L.C. scheme;

(*f*) whether there are proposals being examined for evolving a new and ideal scheme; and

(*g*) if so, what they are, at what stage they are, and when they are likely to be introduced?

A.—(*a*) Orders were passed in June 1934 approving a revised course of study for the Secondary School-Leaving Certificate. This revised course was adopted at the recommendation of the then Director of Public Instruction, Mr. Erlam Smith.

(*b*) It was decided in June last that the introduction of the new scheme of 1934 should be held in abeyance.

(*c*) The Secondary School-Leaving Certificate Board, with the concurrence of the three Universities passed a resolution in April 1935 in favour of reverting to the 1929 scheme and as Mr. Champion, who was Director of Public Instruction at the time, was also of opinion that there were certain objections to proceeding further with the 1934 scheme at the moment, the Government passed an order in June last postponing the introduction of the 1934 scheme for another two years.

(*d*) The Secondary School-Leaving Certificate scheme has been changed twice during the past ten years.

(*e*) It is believed that some protests have been raised by publishers but the Government have no knowledge of any protests by educationists.

(*f*) & (*g*) Government have no information.

Number of candidates from the Ceded districts admitted into the Government, Training Colleges at Saidapet and Rajahmundry during 1935.

* 495 *Q.*—Mr. G. Rameswara Rao: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) the total seating capacity of the Government Training Colleges (i) in Rajahmundry and (ii) Saidapet;